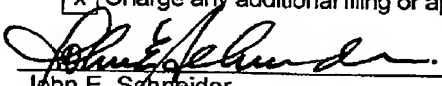


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Applicant(s): Robert R. Wood					
Invention: IMPROVED DRILLING FLUIDS					
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 30, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks which follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.